Investigation Team for giving impetus to the investigation and inquiries in the case as also to try and get information regarding the whereabouts of the 4 foreign nationals who continue to remain untraced despite efforts. It has also announced a scheme of rewards to persons giving specific information regarding the whereabouts of the hostages. Regular and continuous interaction is being maintained by the Government of India with the State Government in respect of this issue.

Slippages in the Power Capacity Addition

2899. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned Capacity addition slippages to worsen power shortage reported in the "Hindustan Times' dated the 16th October, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the factors responsible for massive slippages during the current Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to check slippages and to improve power situation in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The general and broad factors contributing to the delays in the implementation of power projects have been delays in taking up infrastructural and enabling works, paucity of funds and inadequate cash flow to project authorities, delays in placing orders for generating equipments and in award of contracts for civil works/erection of equipment, delayed deliveries and nonsequential supplies, contract failures, law and orders problems and natural calamities like floods, land slides etc.

(d) In order to ensure the timely commissioning of power projects which are under execution, Ministry of Power and the Central Electricity Authority are closely monitoring the progress of these projects and rendering timely assistance wherever required, by taking up the matter with the concerned authorities.

Projects Undertaken by the National Laboratories

2900. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the individual and total expenditure by the National Laboratories under the Ministry in the country, during the last three years;

(b) how many projects sponsored by Government have been undertaken by the National Laboratories during the same period; and

(c) how many projects of Government have been shared by other institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The yearwise aggregated Government expenditure on 40 National Laboratories of CSIR during the past three years is placed at statement (*see* below)

(b) Over the past three years period 1993-94 to 1995-96 Government has sponsored around 1250 projects in the national laboratories of CSIR.

(c) The Government invariably sponsors projects with CSIR for utilising the output for the social, economic or environmental benefit of the country.

Statement

Laboratory-Wise Expenditure during Last 3 Years out of Govt., Grant and Internal Resources
Rs. In Crores

SL. NO.	*LAB./INSTT.*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1993-94*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1994-95*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1995-96*
1.	C.B.R.I.	6.23	6.93	8.25
2.	C.C.M.B.	7.64	8.49	11.27
3.	C.D.R.I.	10.18	10.92	14.23
4.	C.E.C.R.I.	7.26	8.95	11.41
5.	C.E.E.R.I.	7.24	7.79	9.66
6.	C.F.B.	2.34	3.21	3.58
7.	C.F.R.I.	10.29	10.26	13.34
8.	C.F.T.R.I.	9.72	10.48	13.09
9.	C.G.C.R.I	8.63	8.64	11.06
10.	C.I.M.A.P.	5.51	6.06	7.65
11.	C.L.R.I	10.29	10.55	14.31
12.	C.M.E.R.I.	9.57	10.83	12.98
13.	C.M.R.I.	7.07	7.99	9.44
14.	C.R.R.I.	5.27	5.23	5.92
15.	C.S.I.O.	7.69	8.43	10.39
16.	C.S.M.C.R.I.	5.14	5.71	6.71
17.	I.I.C.B.	6.40	6.52	8.07
18.	I.I.C.T.	14.96	20.59	18.50
19.	I.I.P.	7.61	8.95	10.95
20.	I.M.T.	3.80	5.30	5.59
21.	I.N.S.D.O.C.	5.37	5.39	5.78
22.	I.T.R.C.	4.48	5.28	6.57
23.	MAD CX	0.84	0.92	1.17
24.	N.A.L.	22.33	22.65	29.81
25.	N.B.R.I	7.01	7.81	9.34
26.	N.C.L.	15.53	18.42	20.24
27.	N.E.E.R.I	7.69	8.51	10.64
28.	N.G.R.I.	9.36	10.03	12.16
29.	N.I.O.	10.56	11.47	11.41
30.	N.I.S.T.A.D.S.	2.16	2.54	2.96
31.	N.M.L.	14.39	11.61	12.79
32.	N.P.L.	15.03	15.66	19.63
33.	CSIR PALAMPUR CX	2.64	2.80	3.47
34.	N.I.S.C.O.M.	5.14	5.77	5.35
35.	R.R.L. BHOPAL	3.28	3.92	4.92

SL. NO.	*LAB./INSTT.*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1993-94*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1994-95*	*ACTUAL EXP. 1995-96*
36.	R.R.L. BHUBNESWAR	5.18	5.81	6.83
37.	R.R.L. JAMMU	5.74	6.23	8.67
38.	R.R.L. JORHAT	6.11	7.86	8.71
39.	R.R.L. TRIVENDRUM	4.09	5.41	5.32
40.	S.E.R.C. MAD	3.74	4.75	4.89
41.	S.E.R.C. (GAZ)	2.35	2.11	2.29
	TOTAL	305.84	336.78	399.35

MOU-Based Power Projects Cleared in Karnataka

2901. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CEA has given clearance to two MOU-based power projects in Karnataka eight months after lapse of the deadline;

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving learances before the deadline, while 850 ther projects were cleared;

(c) whether these projects are outside the limit of Rs. 1000 crores, now exempt from CEA clearance;

(d) if so, on what basis they have been cleared without CEA's approval;

(e) whether projects of more than Rs. 1000 crores from any other State which were not cleared before the deadline above are pending for clearance; and;

(f) whether they have been denied clearance due to the above reasons; if so, the reasons for the discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India had issued instructions in November, 1995 that project on the MOU/LOI route should submit proposals for consideration of "In Principle Clearance" (IPC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) by 31.3.1996.

Negotiations between M/s NRI Capital Corporation (NRICC) (subsequently registered as M/s Pulkeshi Power Co.) and the Government of Karnataka (GOK) for setting up a power plant in Karnataka was in progress since 1987. However, no formal MOU was signed between GOK/ Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) AND M/s. NRICC. GOK had signed an MOU with M/s Chalais Holding Ltd. U.K. (Registered as M/s Wesco Generation Ltd.) in August, 1992 for setting up of a 300 MW thermal project at Dharwad in Karnataka. GOK had decided in 1993 not to pursue the MOU, but subsequently they decided to revive the MOU. On the recommendations of the GOK, it was decided to treat these projects as having been given IPC by CEA so as to enable the project authorities to submit proposals to CEA for Techno Economic Clearance. 85 projects and not 850 projects have been given IPC upto 31.3.1996 and five projects including the above two projects, after 31.3. 1996.

(c) As per the relevant notification, power projects set up by generating companies selected through a process of competitive bidding for which the capital expenditure exceeds Rs. 1000 crores and for all other schemes for which the capital expenditure exceeds Rs. 100 crores shall be submitted to the CEA for concurrence. The above projects are required to be submitted to the CEA for Techno-economic Clearance.

(d) The above project are required to be submitted to the CEA for Techno-economic Clearance.

(e) and (f) Brisinghpur TPS (500 MW) of M/s Birsinghpur Power Partners Ltd. in